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In re Application of :
Shen-Chih et al. :
Application No. 09/998,196 :
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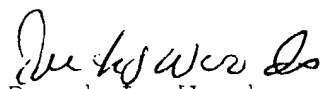
This is a decision in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.10(c), filed September 18, 2003, Requesting correspondence be accorded a filing date of August 18, 2003, instead of the presently accorded filing date of August 19, 2003.

This Petition is hereby granted.

Petitioner alleges that a Response to Restriction Requirement dated 7/17/03, and Change of Correspondence Address were deposited in Express Mail service on August 18, 2003. In support of the allegation, the petition is accompanied by a copy of Express Mail label No. EV335856560US with a "Date In" of August 18, 2003; a copy of an Express Mail Certification (Certificate of Express Mailing) dated August 18, 2003, containing the same express mail number: EV335856560US, and indicating that a Response to Restriction Requirement dated 7/17/03, and Change of Correspondence Address were deposited in Express Mail service on August 18, 2003. The same Express Mail label number was placed on the Response to Restriction Requirement dated 7/17/03, located in the official file.

In view of the above, the petition is granted. No fee is necessary.

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